



PATENT
Docket: 17259(AP)

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE: Application of: Dolly, et al.)
Serial No. 09/294,980) Group: 1647
Conf. No. 6681) Examiner: Baker, A.
Filed: April 19, 1999)
Title: COMPOSITIONS AND)
METHODS FOR MODULATING)
NEURAL SPROUTING)

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REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the Examiner's Office Action dated April 23, 2002, Applicants have the following comments.

AMENDMENT

Kindly amend the indicated claims to read as follows:

1. (Thrice Amended) A method for extending the effective period during which tissue treated with a clostridial toxin is paralyzed comprising:
 - a) contacting said tissue with a composition comprising an agent able to prevent the expression of a polypeptide selected from the group consisting of: IGF I, IGF II, ciliary neurotrophic factor, NT-3, NT-4, brain-derived neurotrophic factor, leukemia inhibitory factor, tenascin-C, ninjurin, neural cell adhesion molecule, and neural agrin, and
 - b) contacting said tissue with a clostridial neurotoxin.

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